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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1774
OTSUHATA et al.)
Serial No.: 10/500,360)
Filed: June 30, 2004)

For: **THERMALLY SENSITIVE RECORDING MEDIUM**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.99, the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A are being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. The Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account no. 19-1980 in the amount of \$180.00 for this submission because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a first action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311.

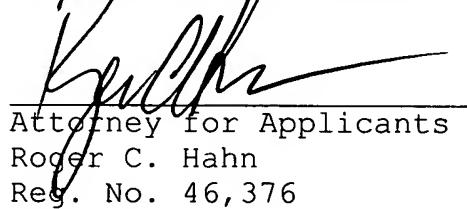
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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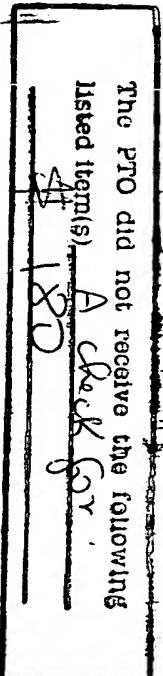
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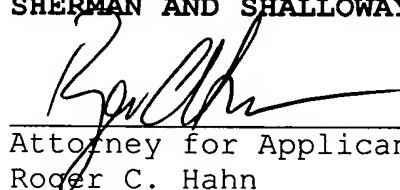
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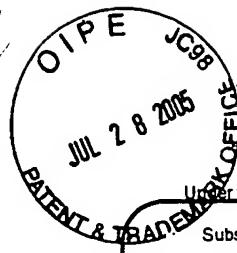
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